



A140 Long Stratton Bypass – Project Update

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Dear Neighbour,

Welcome to a new edition of the A140 Long Stratton Bypass Project newsletter. We are always happy to hear from you or receive any feedback or ideas to improve our project communications and newsletters. Please see our details at the end of the newsletter to contact the project team.



Open to traffic!

We're delighted to share this series of drone images capturing key locations across the Long Stratton Bypass scheme—now officially open to traffic. These aerial views showcase the scale and impact of the project, highlighting newly opened sections that are already easing congestion, improving connectivity, and delivering long-awaited benefits to the community.

The weathering steel overbridge at the north of the scheme is now open to the public following final surfacing works. This shared use route carries pedestrians and cyclists over the bypass carriageway, connecting the existing Public Right of Way 'FP 7' that leads out of Fairfield Close to Stratton Lane and to 'FP 6' that leads to Church Lane. Also recently opened to traffic is the link road that connects Stratton St Michael and Church Lane to the new Bypass.



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Upcoming Traffic Management

From **Monday 13th to Friday 17th October** (inclusive), temporary two-way traffic lights will be in operation on the A140 Norwich Road during off-peak hours (**09:30–15:00**). A series of temporary lane closures will be in place on the southbound carriageway of the A140, between the south exit of the Hempnall roundabout and continuing through to the Long Stratton Bypass and including the new roundabout.

These measures are essential to safely complete the final works, which include the installation of remaining signage, pavement works and lining. The location of the lights and lane closures will vary throughout the week, depending on the specific work areas and programme schedule. The Long Stratton Bypass team sincerely thanks the community for their continued patience and understanding as we complete these final stages of the project.



Social Impact

How are we creating a positive social and economic legacy within Long Stratton and the surrounding areas?

#SummerOnThe
BYPASS EVENT
SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST
11AM – 3PM



Thank you for joining us at Summer on the Bypass!

We'd like to extend a big thank you to everyone who joined us for the Summer on the Bypass event on Saturday 2nd August. It was a fantastic day of celebration, and we're so grateful to the Long Stratton community for turning out in such great numbers.

The event provided a rare opportunity to run, walk, wheel, cycle or scoot on a section of the new road before it was opened to traffic.

We were joined by many brilliant local businesses and organisations who gave their time and energy to make the event a success. From interactive stalls, food, drink and sweet treats, to creative activities, their contributions brought the fantastic day to life.



The Long Stratton Bypass team would also like to thank:

- The team from **Long Stratton Lions Charity**, who kindly marshalled the car park at South Norfolk House with their trademark warmth and efficiency.
- **Simmonds**, for generously operating the shuttle bus service that kept everyone moving smoothly between locations.
- **VTS Event Medical Services**, who provided expert first aid cover on the day.
- The **Long Stratton Town Council** team, who provided their support in managing and setting up the day.
- **TMO Highways**, for expertly planning and installing the cones and signs to ensure the event could be ran safely.
- **Speedy Hire**, who generously provided the toilet facilities.

This support helped us celebrate the progress of the Long Stratton Bypass in true community spirit.



Social Impact

Transformational Project at St Mary's Junior Academy and Manor Field Infant School, Long Stratton

At Octavius, we host an internal 'Leaving a Legacy' calendar throughout each year. Through themed months, volunteering opportunities and employee workshops, our aim is to empower our workforce and supply chain partners to create positive social impact wherever they are. We're delighted to announce the successful completion of our second Leaving a Legacy transformational project, where our teams and supply chain partners came together throughout August to transform outdoor spaces, that will support learning and wellbeing for school children in Long Stratton.

Thanks to this collaborative effort, students at St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy and Manor Field Infant and Nursery School are now enjoying revitalised outdoor areas. The project, led by our team and supported by supply chain partners, volunteers, and local stakeholders, focused on sustainability and wellbeing. Developed in consultation with teaching staff, the project was designed to enhance the schools' outdoor environments—making them safer, greener, and more inspiring spaces for children to learn, play, and thrive.

At St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy:

With support from our landscaping subcontractor ATM Ltd, volunteers and staff undertook a full transformation of outdoor areas, including:

- Reclaiming around 200m² of additional play space by filling in a hazardous pond and landscaping the surrounding area.
- Removing overgrown vegetation and brambles and revamping the vegetable patch with brand new planters.
- Carrying out forest management and mulching to protect the longevity of the school's woodland and safe play opportunities.
- Planting herbs and daffodils, ready to be nurtured by young eco warriors.

In addition, volunteers from the Long Stratton Bypass project contributed by:

- Repairing fencing and installing new privacy screening with materials generously donated by supply chain partner, CMT Group.
- Constructing a fire pit, mud kitchen, music wall, two bug hotels, hibernaculum, a forest theatre, and a tic-tac-toe board to replace play equipment lost to vandalism.
- Brightening the entire space with freshly painted, colourful fencing.





At Manor Field Infant and Nursery School

At Manor Field, the transformation was the result of a strong collaboration between our Octavius Rail and Highways teams, alongside volunteers from the Long Stratton Bypass Project and supply chain partners SRS, AJMS Consultants, PRO Rail Services, DEPLOY and Tarmac. Their contributions included:

- Jet-washing and repairing gates, fences, benches, play equipment and a storage shed.
- Installing new play bark and timber edging in high footfall areas, providing a safer environment for the little ones to play.
- Giving new life to an overgrown, unused vegetable planter, ready for planting by the students.
- Building a bug hotel and music to enrich the student’s creativity and exploration.
- Giving a splash of vibrant colour to all the fences in the playground.



East Anglian Road Markings generously supported the project at both schools by completing new lining to the playgrounds, giving a new lease of life to the existing fun designs.

Through teamwork, dedication, generosity, and a shared commitment to sustainability, each of these areas have been reimaged into thriving, colourful spaces that will inspire learning, wellbeing and play for the new school year and beyond.



Education, Sustainability and Legacy

This work builds on a wider programme of educational outreach, where our STEM and Climate Ambassadors from the Long Stratton Bypass project have already delivered sustainability and biodiversity workshops to over 600 local students. The newly transformed green spaces will directly support the development of both schools’ Climate Action Plans, aiming to integrate green skills and sustainability into school environments. A big thank you to all the project sponsors



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